

Volunteer Corner...

The place for active CASA's

Upcoming Events

2009 Children's Law Institute

The 16th Annual Children's Law Institute **Trauma: Foundations for Effective Response**, will build on the work examined at last year's conference related to the complex developmental trauma experienced by many children and young people in our protective services or juvenile justice systems. The 2009 Children's Law Institute will present innovative research on the many ways trauma impacts children and families. We will also look at the trauma that children and families experience as they move through systems set up to help them. We will explore a range of best practice responses and recommended system changes; and we will look at a variety of ways to build the skills, support, and connections for the children and families for whom we work. For more information visit <http://www.familyandchild.net/>

Registration for the 2009 Children's Law Institute

While all of us are experiencing the financial crunch, the court system is too; as a result this year the court is unable to support any of the cost associated with attending the training. This year the cost of the CLI registration is \$64. The CASA Advisory Board is actively looking for ways to help all volunteers attend the institute, at this time the CASA Advisory Board is offering a \$34 scholarship to those who are willing to pay the remaining \$30. To take advantage of this gift you will need to call and confirm that you are sending the program \$30. The office will write one check on December 11th for all who have responded. We will e-mail you the registration form which you will e-mail back to us before the deadline. If you miss the deadline, we will not be able to pay the late fee of \$89. So, plan ahead and join us!

2009 National CASA Conference

National CASA Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity to join leading consultants, legal and social service professionals as well as representatives from the entire CASA/GAL network. Through education, training and networking opportunities, attendees discover new ideas and solutions to fortify us as we carry out our service to abused and neglected children. For more information visit http://www.nationalcasa.org/news_events/conference.html

Helpful Websites

CASANET

Support website for the CASA and GAL network

<http://http://www.casanet.org/index.htm>

Bernalillo County Metro Court

Look up case records by using "Case Look up" to research on your cases

<http://www.metrocourt.state.nm.us/xnet/>

CYFD Website

<http://http://www.cyfd.org/>

National American Council on Adoptable Children Subsidy Page

Answers to subsidy questions

<http://http://www.nacac.org/adoptionssubsidy.html>

New Mexico Child Welfare Handbook

A great reference!

http://http://jec.unm.edu/resources/benchbooks/child_law/index.htm

New Mexico State Judiciary Sight

Look up info on this site to do research on your cases

<http://http://www.nmcourts.gov/caselookup/app>